

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. The Examiner objected to claims 8-14 and rejected all of the claims as obvious over Schmitz in view of Goss and in some cases, further in view of Sikdar. Based on the amendments, it is believed that the objections and rejections have been overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested

I. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 8-14 because computer readable medium in the specification is defined, without any further limitations, to encompass non-statutory subject matter, i.e., intangible machine-readable media, under Section 101. In response thereto, independent claim 8 is amended to now recite “a tangible machine-readable medium.”

II. 103 Rejection

All of the claims are rejected as obvious over Schmitz in view of Goss, and in some cases further in view of Sikdar. In response to the rejections, the independent claims have been amended to qualify the claimed *processing element* as having “one or more micro-coded accelerators with reconfigurable control logic to support multiple networking protocols.” This amendment is supported, for example, in paragraph 0011 of Applicant’s specification. None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or predict this limitation and thus, a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be substantiated based on them. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to pass this case to issue at the Examiner's earliest possible convenience.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512/238-7253.

Respectfully submitted,

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